

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-4-19**

Date Prepared: April 15, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: April 19, 1999
Business Meeting: April 19, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. BPA - BPA Subscription – Montana interests – Discuss signing letter from NW PSC's to Congressional delegation and DOE (4/20/99)
2. D97.7.90 – MPC USBC – Discuss comments on MPC's proposed Advisory Board and motions for reconsideration (4/20/99)
3. USWC – USWC v. PSC (Dialing Parity-Fed Ct.) – To discuss matters relating to the lawsuit (4/20/99)
4. N99.3.60 & N99.3.61 – U S West Residential and Business Winback Tariffs – Discuss and possibly act on filings (4/20/99)
5. D99.1.6, D98.10.223, D98.10.227, and D98.10.229 – Blackfoot, Clark Fork, Mid-Rivers and Northern's intraLATA equal access plans – To discuss and act on various aspects of each of these plans (4/20/99)

Legislative Meeting – Will be held at 9:30 am on the day of the Business Meeting.

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATION – Docket N99.4.85 (Scott)

On April 1, 1999 U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-21 to remove the temporary Nonrecurring Change charge and reinstate the original tariffed charge of \$30.10. This tariff filing removes the temporary non-recurring change charge rate language resulting from the PAL portion of the order in Docket D96.12.220, Order No. 5965d which established a \$5.00 change charge effective from January 20, 1999 through March 20, 1999 for existing PAL customers to change between types of PAL service- from measured to flat. This was notice on last week's agenda and Staff recommends approval.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. – N99.4.87(Nina)

On April 5, 1999, Central Montana Communications, Inc. filed the following tariff revisions: Section 4 - Local Network Access Line Service, the Monthly Recurring Charge for Business Trunk Hunt will be reduced from \$8.00 to \$7.00; and Section 17 – Directory Listings, the Monthly Recurring Rates will also be reduced for, Residential Additional Listings, Residential/Business Foreign Listings, Non-Listed Number, Non-Published Number, and Residential/Business Reserved Number.

3. US WEST – Docket N99.4.88 (Bonnie)

On April 5, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-2, Modified Terms and Conditions for Grandfathered Centrex Plus to Introduce "chip-in" charges when a customer adds non-sequential telephone numbers to their existing common block;

- Modify terms and conditions of termination liability to add language clarifying the service date upon which the liability threshold will be

determined;

- Add USOCs for provisioning station lines with visual message waiting indication;
- Eliminate language that stabilizes the combined rate of the station line and the end user common line;
- Enhance the Centrex Management System to include priority service, bulk processing and network manipulation as standard features. Modify terms and conditions language to provide needed clarity;
- Increase non-recurring prices to establish Station Message Detail Recording and change from system to customer group. Modify terms and conditions language to provide needed clarification.

4. WORLDCOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. – Docket N99.4.90 (Tina)

On April 6, 1999, WorldCom Technologies filed Transmittal Letter No. 99-01 to set apart Business and Residential Directory Assistance usage charges and increase the usage charge for Business Directory Assistance from \$.72 to \$1.40.

5. HAVRE PIPELINE COMPANY Docket D98.6.127 (Denise)

On April 14, 1999, Havre Pipeline Company filed a request for hearing, i.e., oral argument on its Objections to the Black Hills Exploration and Production's Data Requests. Staff recommends setting oral argument on the objections for April 21, 1999.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.4.91 (Vicki)

On April 8, 1999, US West Communications filed tariff pages introducing

a service charge of \$.26 on those US West carried non-coin calls that originate from payphones and are alternately billed. The filing reduces the price of payphone originated 1-800-4USWEST calls from \$.30 to \$.26.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP – Docket N99.4.92 (Vicki)

On April 9, 1999, MCI filed tariff pages to grandfather Option N (500 Personal Number Service).

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-4-26

N99.4.91 – USWC (Vicki)

N99.4.92 – MCI (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N99.4.91 – USWC – Tariff 99-23 Pay phone change for 0+ & 0- and 1-800
4USWEST

N99.4.92 – MCI – Tariff 99-04 to grandfather Option N

D99.4.93 – Montana-Dakota - Gas Tracker